

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A substantially pure or recombinant DCMP1 polypeptide exhibiting at least ~~about~~ 85% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or 8~~.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). A fusion protein comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 ~~or 2~~.

Claims 4-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (new). A recombinant polypeptide comprising at least 10 contiguous amino acid residues of residues 1-104 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 11 (new). A fusion protein comprising the polypeptide of claim 10.

Claim 12 (new). A recombinant polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 13 (new). A fusion protein comprising the polypeptide of claim 12.

Claim 14 (new). A recombinant DCMP1 polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 15 (new). A fusion protein comprising the polypeptide of claim 14.